GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:93
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SECRET KILLINGS IN ASSAM
PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the `secret killings` of innocent relatives of ULFA militants and others in the North East Region;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the Union Government have asked for any report about these incidents;

(d) if so, the number of persons killed so far; and

(e) the action taken by the Union Government to stop recurrence of such killings?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D.SWAMI)

(a): The Government are aware of the killings of relatives of ULFA militants and others in Assam.

(b): During the calendar year 2000 AD, 495 persons including 5 relatives of ULFA activists had been killed in Assam.

(c) to (e):The Government of India is kept apprised of the violent incidents in the State on a regular basis. The Govt. has taken various steps to bring the law and order situation in North Eastern States under control. These include, inter alia, deployment of Para-military forces and army in the State, coordinated action by army, Para-military forces and State Police for counter insurgency operations, declaration of major insurgent groups as unlawful association under the Unlawful Activities (prevention) Act, 1967; declaration insurgency affected States as `disturbed area` under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958; reimbursement of security related expenditure to the State Governments and modernisation/upgradation of State police Force. Regular review of the situation both at State and Central Government level is being made. An emergent meeting was convened by Union Home Minister at Delhi on December 8, 2000 with Governor and Chief Minister. An action plan to tackle the situation has been drawn up.